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Trump inaugural chair: I'm '100% innocent' in lobbying case

LARRY NEUMEISTER AND JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

The chair of former President Donald Trump's 2017 inaugural committee pleaded not guilty Monday and said he was "100% innocent" of charges that he secretly lobbied the U.S. on behalf of the United Arab Emirates.

Tom Barrack, 74, wearing a black mask to protect against the coronavirus, appeared in Brooklyn federal court for the first time, days after he was freed on $250 million bail following his arrest in California. His lawyer entered his plea for him.

"As you'd expect, the system is working. I think what you'll find is that ... over time, you'll all see that I'm 100% innocent," Barrack said as he left the courthouse.

Prosecutors say Barrack used his multi-decade friendship with Trump to influence the Republican's policy, starting when Trump was a candidate in 2016 and continuing after he was sworn in as president.

At the time, the UAE was in a tense diplomatic conflict with Qatar. Prosecutors said that, among other things, Barrack provided Emirati government officials with information about how senior U.S. officials viewed the dispute. A group of countries, including Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the UAE and Bahrain, launched a blockade against Qatar in mid-2017.

Prosecutors said Barrack boasted to contacts in the Emirates that he could help them gain influence with the then-new administration, even as he was seeking a post as ambassador to the UAE or as special envoy to the Middle East.

Federal authorities say Barrack broke the law by failing to disclose his UAE ties to the U.S. government.

On Friday, a Los Angeles magistrate judge approved a $250 million bail deal negotiated between Barrack's lawyers and federal prosecutors. The arrangement required Barrack to give up passports and submit to electronic monitoring. It also imposed a curfew.

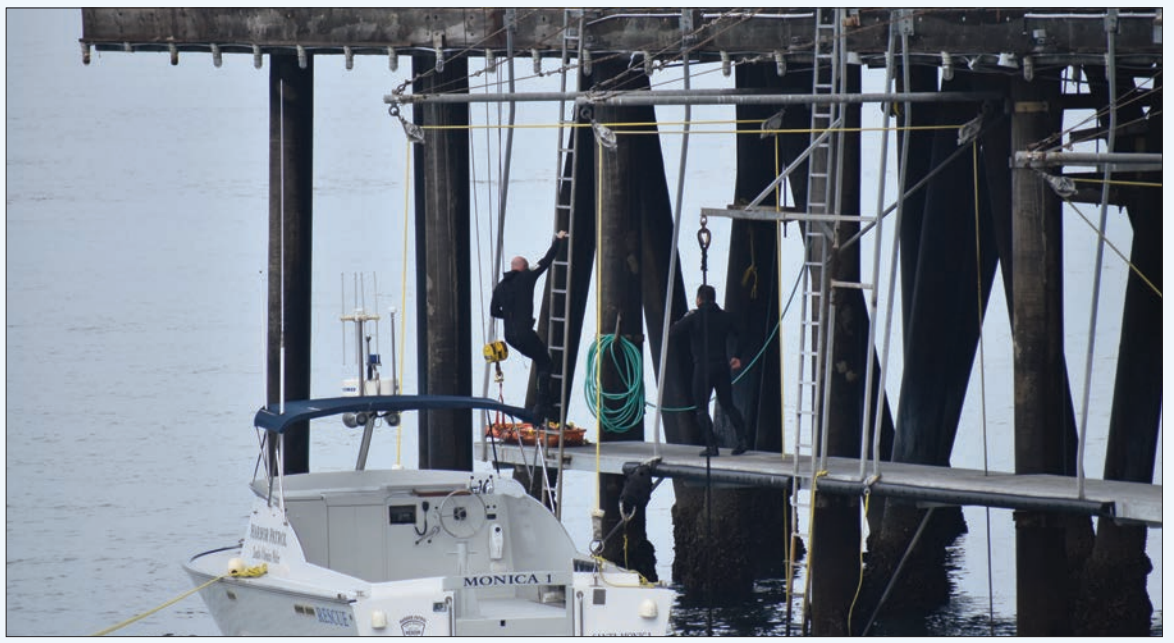
Barrack is charged with conspiracy, obstruction of justice and making false statements during a June 2019 interview with federal agents.

Barrack, who has an electronic ankle bracelet to comply with monitoring requirements, plans to live in Aspen, Colorado, while he awaits trial, his lawyers said. He also pledged to only fly on commercial flights. He is subject to a curfew and various other restrictions, including limits on financial transactions and bans on communications with officials from the UAE and Saudi Arabia.

Matthew Grimes, 27, an Aspen-based former executive at Barrack's company, and Rashid al Malik, 43, an Emirati businessman who

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Search efforts end for swimmer seen under the Pier



Kailyn Forbes

HARBOR PATROL: SMPD divers were part of the effort to search for a woman reported under the Pier.

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

A person reported clinging to a pylon beneath the Santa Monica Pier remains missing despite search efforts by several agencies.

The Santa Monica Police Department, Fire Department, County Lifeguards and the Coast Guard searched the water near the Santa Monica Pier following reports of a swimmer in trouble. A witness reported a woman in the water clinging to one of the Pier supports at about 8:50 p.m. Sunday night but no one was found when officials searched the area.

The Santa Monica Police Department said it had no record of a missing person call related to the incident.

Crews were back in the water Monday morning but the Coast Guard suspended the search for the unidentified woman later in the day after searching more than 93 square nautical miles with multiple surface and air assets.

Lifeguards said all search efforts were suspended mid-day on Monday but they would continue periodic patrols with land and sea units.

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Accused Venice drug dealer claims harassment by L.A. Sheriff's Department

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SMDP Editor

A man recently arrested by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) for allegedly selling drugs to homeless people in Venice is claiming the entire incident was falsified in retaliation for an earlier complaint filed against the department.

Sheriff's Deputies said they arrested Gary Featherstone on July 22 recovering PCP, Methamphetamine and more than $15,000 in cash.

According to LASD, Featherstone is a self-proclaimed homeless advocate who operates "Homeless Enterprise" from a tent on 3rd Avenue, where he sells sodas, candy, and other snacks and beverages to the local homeless population. "Homeless Enterprise" is registered with the city of Los Angeles Finance Department.

"This is another clear example of how several people are using the veil of outreach to run criminal enterprises and exploit the already marginalized population of county residents who are experiencing homelessness," said Sheriff Alex Villanueva. "It's time for common sense, compassionate regulation of public space. It's time for politicians to stop using the homeless population as a platform and for them to either help law enforcement keep the community safe or get out of the way."

LASD said they made the arrest after "countless hours of surveillance" where they saw Featherstone complete hand-to-hand narcotics transactions.

Featherstone was released on Monday and issued several lengthy

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 35 CALLS ON JULY 25

Automatic Alarm 1300blk 17th St 3:38 a.m.
EMS 17th St / Colorado Ave 7:31 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 7:38 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 7:50 a.m.
EMS 2100blk 7th St 8:04 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 9:58 a.m.
EMS 3400blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:59 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:51 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Broadway 10:59 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 12:05 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 25th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:59 p.m.
EMS 600blk Kensington Rd 1:33 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1700blk Robson Ave 1:36 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 1:51 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 2:00 p.m.
Fire Out Investigation 2100blk Ocean Ave 2:07 p.m.
EMS 400blk 20th St 2:43 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 21st St 3:24 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 3:28 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 3:28 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1400blk 17th St 4:22 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1400blk 17th St 4:25 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:32 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1500blk 6th St 5:10 p.m.
EMS 700blk Strand St 5:43 p.m.
EMS 16th St / Wilshire Blvd 6:00 p.m.
EMS 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:08 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 6:47 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Colorado Ave 7:07 p.m.
Public Assist 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 7:28 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 8:49 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 9:49 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 15th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:48 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1400blk 7th St 11:46 p.m.

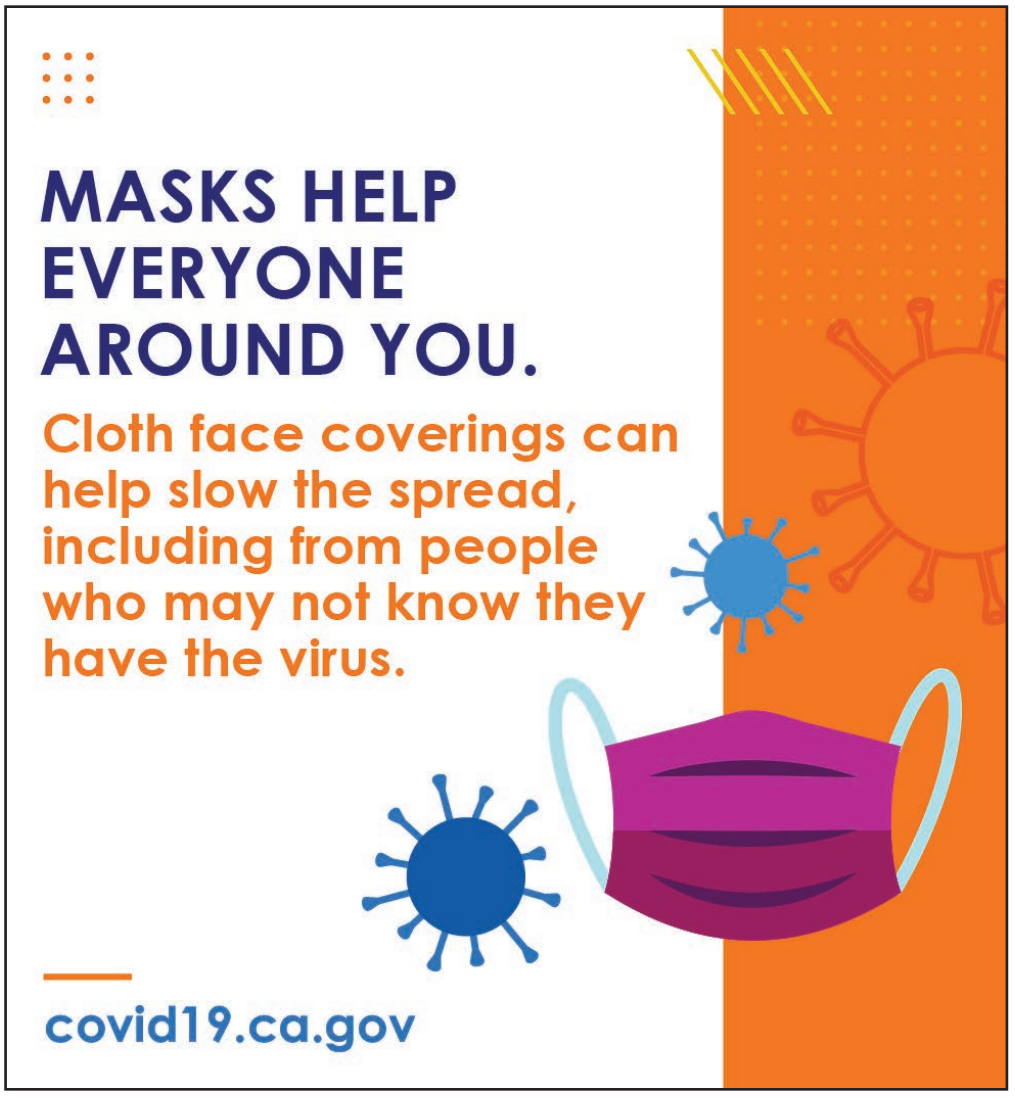
Letter to the Editor

Sandra Mariel Eugeni — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

I read your article about the new scooters system and what I found a madness is the amount of accidents I have seen already in Santa Monica streets involving one of those companies. Yesterday, I saw a very scary one where the scooter conductor was laying in Ocean Avenue -one block from the Pier- covered in blood and waiting for an ambulance.

As a Santa Monica resident who has been involved in accidents with drivers of those devices with "we know that they are dangerous but we can not do anything" I believe that the City needs to put in place a very strong enforcement of the rules of transit and use of them.

Sandra Mariel Eugeni, Santa Monica



DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 273 CALLS ON JULY 25

Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 33rd St / Pico Blvd 12:30 a.m.
Prowler There Now 2300blk 34th St 12:44 a.m.
Domestic Violence Report 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:59 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200blk Ashland Ave 1:04 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 1:25 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200blk 2nd St 1:58 a.m.
Transport 100blk Wilshire Blvd 2:13 a.m.
Suspicious Vehicle 900blk Broadway 2:59 a.m.
Trespassing 1500blk 4th St 3:45 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 4:10 a.m.
Trespassing 3000blk Glenn Ave 4:58 a.m.
Rape Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Hollister Ave 5:38 a.m.
Inmate Requiring Medical Attention 300blk Olympic Dr 5:58 a.m.
Trespassing 1700blk Appian Way 6:27 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 6:55 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1400blk Palisades Park 8:13 a.m.
Self Initiated Pub 8:19 a.m.
Burglary Report 100blk Wilshire Blvd 9:01 a.m.
Identity Theft 300blk Olympic Dr 9:31 a.m.
Encampment 3100blk The Beach 9:45 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 9:47 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 9:58 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 9:58 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1900blk 22nd St 10:01 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 4th St / Pico Blvd 10:06 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:34 a.m.
Trespassing 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:36 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:46 a.m.
Person Down 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:51 a.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals Neilson Way / Bicknell Ave 10:53 a.m.
Public Intoxication 11th St / Olympic Blvd W 11:09 a.m.
Information Only Broadcast 300blk Olympic Dr 11:39 a.m.
Prowler There Now 500blk Colorado Ave 12:01 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2500blk Michigan Ave 12:01 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 100blk Strand St 12:14 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1900blk Ocean Way 12:36 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1400blk Olympic Blvd 12:45 p.m.
Trespassing 1700blk 15th St 12:59 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 25th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:59 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1500blk Stanford St 1:00 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700blk Wilshire Blvd 1:01 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired Lincoln Blvd / Hill St 1:02 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1300blk Euclid St 1:06 p.m.
Civil Dispute 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:06 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 25th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:08 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:12 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 1:14 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 2500blk 7th St 1:21 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 3100blk Pennsylvania Ave 1:22 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2200blk Lincoln Blvd 1:31 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1700blk Robson Ave 1:36 p.m.
Trespassing 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:43 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 21st St / Georgina Ave 1:45 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk 21st St 1:53 p.m.
Information Only Broadcast 1500blk California Ave 1:54 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 400blk Colorado Ave 2:23 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 300blk Olympic Dr 2:31 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1400blk 9th St 2:41 p.m.
Medical Aid Alarm 400blk 20th St 2:43 p.m.
Suspicious Person 2600blk 26th St 3:07 p.m.
Found Property 1500blk 6th St 3:13 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 1500blk Ocean Ave 4:02 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 3100blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:18 p.m.
Suspicious Circumstances 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 4:28 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 2600blk Barnard Way 4:29 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 400blk Lincoln Blvd 4:33 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:34 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 4:45 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 21st St / Ocean Park Blvd 4:46 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:55 p.m.
Loud Music 1900blk 17th St 5:05 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:13 p.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 1800blk Euclid St 5:22 p.m.
Vandalism Now 2800blk Ocean Front Walk 5:23 p.m.
Medical Emergency 300blk Santa Monica Pier 5:49 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 14th St / Pearl St 5:54 p.m.
Fight 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 5:59 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 16th St / Wilshire Blvd 6:00 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 6:04 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 6:04 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2800blk The Beach 6:07 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1900blk 18th St 6:12 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 6:30 p.m.
Encampment 14th St / Pearl St 6:30 p.m.
Medical Aid Alarm 900blk 21st St 6:32 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 6:35 p.m.
Traffic Miscellaneous Report Lincoln Blvd / Grant St 6:51 p.m.
Medical Emergency 400blk Santa Monica Pier 6:53 p.m.
Drinking In Public 3000blk Ocean Front Walk

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California, NYC to require employees to get COVID-19 vaccine

PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

California and New York City announced Monday that they would require all government employees to get the coronavirus vaccine or face weekly COVID-19 testing, and the Department of Veterans Affairs became the first major federal agency to require health care workers to receive the shot.

Meanwhile, in a possible sign that increasingly dire health warnings are getting through to more Americans, vaccination rates began to creep up again, offering hope that the nation could yet break free of the coronavirus if people who have been reluctant to receive the shot are finally inoculated.

The announcements are the "opening of the floodgates" as more government entities and companies impose vaccine mandates after nationwide vaccination efforts "hit a wall," said Dr. Ashish Jha, dean of Brown University's School of Public Health.

"Some people find mask mandates annoying, but the reality is they're temporary. We can't do them forever," he said. "Vaccine mandates have to be one of the major paths moving forward because they get us closer to the finish line. Mask mandates just buy you a little more time."

In New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that all municipal workers — including teachers and police officers — will be required to get vaccinated by mid-September or face weekly COVID-19 testing, making the city one of the largest employers in the U.S. to take such action.

California said it will similarly require proof of vaccination or weekly testing for all state workers and millions of public- and private-sector health care employees starting next month.

The VA's move came on a day when nearly 60 leading medical and health care organizations issued a call through the American Medical Association for health care facilities to require their workers to get vaccinated.

It was unclear what would happen to employees who refuse to comply. Some of the unions representing New York municipal workers said the city could not impose the requirement without negotiations.

The longstanding policy in the health care industry is for staff to stay up-to-date with vaccinations, such as annual flu shots, but a general rule also allows exceptions for medical reasons, such as allergies.

Elsewhere, St. Louis became the second major city to mandate that face masks be worn indoors, regardless of vaccination status, joining Los Angeles in re-imposing the orders.

"For those who are vaccinated, this may feel like punishment, punishment for doing the right thing," St. Louis County Executive Sam Page, a Democrat, said Monday. "I've heard that, and I feel that frustration."

President Joe Biden should "lead by example" and impose further mandates on the federal workforce and in public venues where the government has jurisdiction, including in planes, trains and federal buildings, said Dr. Leana Wen, a former Baltimore health commissioner.

"We need vaccine mandates and vaccine verification," she said. "We're well past the time for the Biden administration to get on board with this. What we're doing is not working. Doing more of the same is not the answer here."

The administration has so far recommended that unvaccinated people keep wearing masks indoors, but top officials over the weekend said they are considering recommending that the vaccinated also wear them indoors.

"We're going in the wrong direction," Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union."

Wen, who is also an emergency physician and a professor at George Washington University, said public health experts have worried for months about this very scenario.

"We were worried the honor system would not work, the unvaccinated would be behaving as if they're vaccinated, and people would think the pandemic is over," she said. "That's precisely what has happened, and it's incredibly frustrating."

The U.S. should not have been caught off guard after watching the delta variant ravage India in May and then land in the United Kingdom, Israel and other highly vaccinated nations with force last month, added Dr. Albert Ko, an infectious disease specialist at Yale's School of Public Health.

"We have learned multiple times to not take anything for granted with COVID," he said.

Jha said Americans should brace for another rough few months of COVID, which has already claimed nearly 611,000 lives in the U.S.

"I really thought this would be a fabulous summer, but I underestimated the misinformation campaign that was coming," he said Monday. "What were the chances that after more than half a million Americans dead, that one-third of the country would still not want to end the pandemic?"

Vaccinations ticked up over the weekend, with about 657,000 vaccines reported administered Saturday and nearly 780,000 on Sunday, according to CDC data. The 7-day rolling average on Sunday was about 583,000 vaccinations a day, up from about 525,000 a week prior.

Public health experts on Monday said the uptick in vaccinations is encouraging but warned that it's far too early to say if millions of unvaccinated people are finally overcoming their reticence.

"I wish I could say yes, but I honestly don't know," said Ko. "There is a lot of ground to

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COVID-Related Hospitalizations in Los Angels County Have Nearly Doubled in Two Weeks

Driven by the more aggressive Delta variant, low vaccination rates in certain communities and more intermingling of unmasked individuals, hospitalizations in L.A. County almost doubled in just two weeks, with 745 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized. Two weeks ago, on Monday, July 12, 372 people were hospitalized.

Almost everyone hospitalized with COVID-19 in L.A. County is unvaccinated; Nationally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that more than 97% of patients who have been hospitalized with COVID-19 since January have not been vaccinated. And while post-vaccination infections and hospitalizations can happen, these individuals tend to experience less severe illness because the vaccines are highly protective.

Public Health is reporting 4 new deaths and 1,966 new cases of COVID-19. The number of cases and deaths likely reflect reporting delays over the weekend. Of the four new deaths reported today, three people that passed away were over the age of 80, and one person who died was between the ages of 18 and 29 years old.

To date, Public Health has identified 1,285,771 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,631 deaths. Testing results are available for over 7,261,000 individuals with 16% of people testing positive. Today's daily test positivity rate is 5.2%.

"Our hearts go out to all of our county residents who are mourning the loss of a family member or friend," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "As we continue to experience significant community transmission fueled by the Delta variant, every effort to reduce spread is important. This includes the additional layer of masking and testing protections the state health officer order requires at health care and high-risk congregate living facilities. Every worksite in L.A. County also has an opportunity to reduce virus transmission by adhering to the requirement that all employees and customers wear their masks indoors. We need the additional protection while more individuals get vaccinated if we want to get back to low rates of transmission."

Now through Thursday, July 29 at County-run vaccination sites, LA City sites, and St. John's Well Child and Family Center sites, everyone 18 and older coming to get a vaccine will have an opportunity to win one of seven packages of tickets to an array of concerts presented by AEG.

To find a vaccination site near you, make an appointment at vaccination sites, and much more, visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish). If you don't have internet access, can't use a computer, or you're over 65, you can call 1-833-540-0473 for help finding an appointment, connecting to free transportation to and from a vaccination site, or scheduling a home-visit if you are homebound. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status. Appointments and photo identification are not needed for adults 18 and older at any of the county vaccination sites.

COVID-19 Sector Protocols, Best Practices, COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Recovery Dashboard, and additional actions you can take to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

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DRUG DEALER

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Facebook statements denying any wrongdoing.

Featherstone said the drugs were found along a wall area near his tent that is used by several homeless residents. He said the cash was a combination of money withdrawn from the bank and winners from a poker game.

Featherstone said the arrest was part of an election strategy by the Sheriff himself.

"The Los Angeles County Sheriff has been in trouble with the County Supervisors since he took office," he said. "If the Supervisors had the power to fire him, he would have been fired a long time ago. Since he's taken office, he has refused to deal with the gangs within his department. He has made several blunders, and right now he is in the dog house. So how does the Sheriff get out of the dog house? He says he's going to send his deputies down to Venice to take care of the homeless problem."

He said he filed a complaint against the Sheriff's office on July 12 for several violations of his civil rights after Deputies harassed him and a friend in the parking lot of a local store.

"The Sheriff's Department does not believe in following the rules, and this is why the County pays out so much money each year for lawsuits," he said.

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LOS ANGELES

Monsoonal rain comes to dry Southern California

Monsoonal rain fell on parched Southern California on Monday.

The precipitation ranged from drizzle to heavy rain, and the National Weather Service issued flood watches and warnings for various areas as thunderstorms moved through.

The rainfall was a stark contrast to the ongoing weather trend in a region locked in drought.

"If you've been hearing the pitter patter of rain on your roof, you're not dreaming!" the San Diego weather office tweeted.

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LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles police kill man who held knife on relative

Police on Monday shot and killed a man they said held a woman relative at knifepoint after breaking into an apartment.

The shooting occurred shortly before 6 a.m. in the West Los Angeles area after police received a 911 call from someone who said a woman was screaming in distress from another apartment, police said.

Arriving police saw a man in his 50s holding a "much older"" woman at knifepoint in the apartment, Det. Meghan Aguilar said.

At least one officer opened fire and the man died at the scene, police said.

The woman wasn't injured.

The woman told investigators that the man didn't live at the apartment but had broken in and was trying to force her to take him to another location, Aguilar said.

"The screaming heard was her protesting that," Aguilar said.

The man and woman were related, authorities said, but their names and their exact relationship weren't immediately released.

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Citywide

Democratic Club Meeting

On Wednesday, July 28, the Santa Monica Democratic Club will be hosting Assemblymember Alex Lee, who represents AD25 (Milpitas, San Jose).

He serves his community by fighting to address the growing issues in housing, homelessness, traffic, education, and climate change.

Lee currently serves as the youngest legislator in the state at just 26 years old. In addition to being California's first Gen-Z legislator and the youngest Asian-American legislator, Lee is also the state's first openly bisexual legislator.

Previously, he worked for California State Senator Henry Stern in Sacramento and Assemblymember Evan Low. Lee is a co-author of AB1400, single-payer healthcare, as well as AB387 which would allow the state to develop social housing as a solution to our statewide housing crisis.

Date: July 28, 2021
Time: 6:30 p.m. Doors, 7 p.m. Program Start
Place: Zoom Conference Call
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UCLA

Fund Manager Pleads to Stealing $336,000 From UCLA

Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced that a fund manager at UCLA's history department pleaded no contest today to stealing more than $300,000 from the university through fraudulent purchase orders and travel reimbursements.

"Public employees have a financial responsibility to the people they serve," District Attorney Gascón said. "This criminal conduct drained resources from the history department that could have been used to benefit students and fulfill the university's academic mission."

Diana Fonseca (dob 9/1/1983) of Carson pleaded no contest to six felony counts of grand theft and admitted to the special allegation of aggravated white-collar crime. As part of her plea, she agreed to pay full restitution, $336,000, to UCLA for the stolen funds.

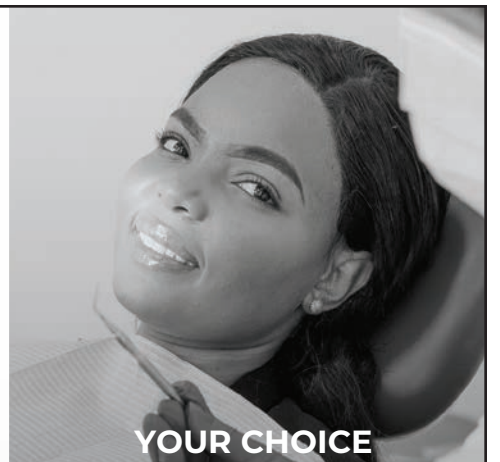
She is scheduled to be sentenced on November 1 in Department 50 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On July 26, 2018, officials at the university's history department discovered that Fonseca had created fraudulent purchase orders for electronic equipment. Between May 2013 and October 2017, Fonseca submitted 45 separate fraudulent travel reimbursements for herself. All the funds went to her personal checking account.

Case BA490737 was investigated by the UCLA Police Department.

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6:54 p.m.
Found Property 14th St / Pearl St 6:59 p.m.
Lost Property 1600blk Appian Way 7:01 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 300blk Olympic Dr 7:14 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace Report 300blk Olympic Dr 7:23 p.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 1100blk 21st St 7:25 p.m.
Trespassing 500blk Arizona Ave 7:29 p.m.
Missing Person 1300blk The Beach 7:30 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Santa Monica Pier 7:57 p.m.
Lost Property 1500blk 4th St 8:09 p.m.
Trespassing 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 8:28 p.m.
Medical Emergency 300blk Santa Monica Pier 8:32 p.m.
Domestic Violence Now 1200blk Euclid St 8:33 p.m.
Loud Music 1900blk Euclid St 9:10 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery Report 300blk Santa Monica Pier 9:13 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1000blk Pier Ave 9:38 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 9:41 p.m.
Battery Report 300blk Olympic Dr 10:19 p.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 15th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:48 p.m.
Overdose 1000blk Pier Ave 11:34 p.m.



Infrastructure talks hit snags as Senate time pressure rises

LISA MASCARO, ALEXANDRA JAFFE AND KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

Senators ran into new problems Monday as they raced to seal a bipartisan infrastructure deal, with pressure mounting on all sides to show progress on President Joe Biden's top priority.

Heading into a make-or-break week, serious roadblocks remain. Disputes have surfaced over how much money should go to public transit and water projects. And other disagreements over spending and wage requirements for highways, broadband and other areas remain unresolved, as well as whether to take unspent COVID-19 relief money to help pay for the infrastructure.

Biden, asked about the outlook, told reporters at the White House he remained optimistic about reaching a compromise.

Press Secretary Jen Psaki said that Biden himself "worked the phones all weekend," and that the administration was encouraged by the progress. But Psaki acknowledged that "time is not endless," as the White House works with the Senate to finish the package.

This week is crucial after more than a month-long slog of negotiations since Biden and the bipartisan group first celebrated the contours of the nearly $1 trillion bipartisan agreement in June.

The White House wants a bipartisan agreement for this first phase, before Democrats go it alone to tackle broader priorities in a bigger $3.5 trillion budget plan that's on deck. A recent poll from The Associated Press-NORC found 8 in 10 Americans favor some increased infrastructure spending, and the current package could be a political win for all sides as lawmakers try to show voters that Washington can work.

But as talks drag on, anxious Democrats, who have slim control of the House and Senate, face a timeline to act on what would be some of the most substantial legislation in years. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer warned senators they could be kept in session this weekend to finish the work. He wants progress on both packages before the August recess.

Adding to the mix, Donald Trump issued a statement Monday disparaging Senate Republicans for even dealing with the Democrats on infrastructure, though it's unclear what influence he has. The former president had failed at an infrastructure deal when he was in office.

"It's time for everyone to get to 'yes,'" Schumer said as he opened the Senate.

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TRUMP

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prosecutors said acted as a conduit to that nation's rulers, were also charged in the seven-count indictment.

Grimes also appeared Monday in Brooklyn federal court, where his lawyer entered a not guilty plea for him.

Al Malik fled the U.S. three days after an April 2018 interview by law enforcement and remains at large, authorities said. He is believed to be living somewhere in the Middle East.

Barrack was an informal adviser to Trump's 2016 campaign before becoming the inaugural committee chair.

The indictment against Barrack made no allegations of wrongdoing by the inaugural committee or by Trump.

A pretrial hearing for Barrack and Grimes was scheduled for Sept. 2, when a trial judge rather than a magistrate judge will preside over what was described as a telephonic conference.

VACCINE

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cover."

The U.S. is around 67% immune from COVID-19 when prior infections are factored, but it will need to get closer to 85% to crush the resurgent virus, Jha said.

"So we need a lot more vaccinations. Or a lot more infections," he said.

The seven-day rolling average for daily new cases in the country shot up over the past two weeks, from more than 19,000 on July 11 to nearly 52,000 on July 25, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

Health experts said they are hopeful that the prominent conservative and Republican voices that have spent months casting doubt on the vaccination effort are finally willing to help move the needle.

House Minority Whip Steve Scalise and other Republicans on the GOP Doctors Caucus held a press conference at the Capitol late last week imploring their constituents to lay lingering doubts aside.

Fox News host Sean Hannity declared on his popular show: "It absolutely makes sense for many Americans to get vaccinated. I believe in science. I believe in the science of vaccinations."

Facebook also needs to do a better job cleaning up misinformation on its social media platform, Jha said.

And the Food and Drug Administration needs to fully approve the COVID-19 vaccines, which currently have emergency approval. That final step will give more companies greater confidence to impose vaccine mandates, he suggested.

"FDA approval matters a lot," Jha said. "It's absurd at this point. The safety and efficacy of these drugs has been well-documented."

Associated Press writers Lindsey Tanner in Three Oaks, Michigan; Alexandra Jaffe and Aamer Madhani in Washington; and Heather Hollingsworth in Mission, Kansas, contributed to this report.





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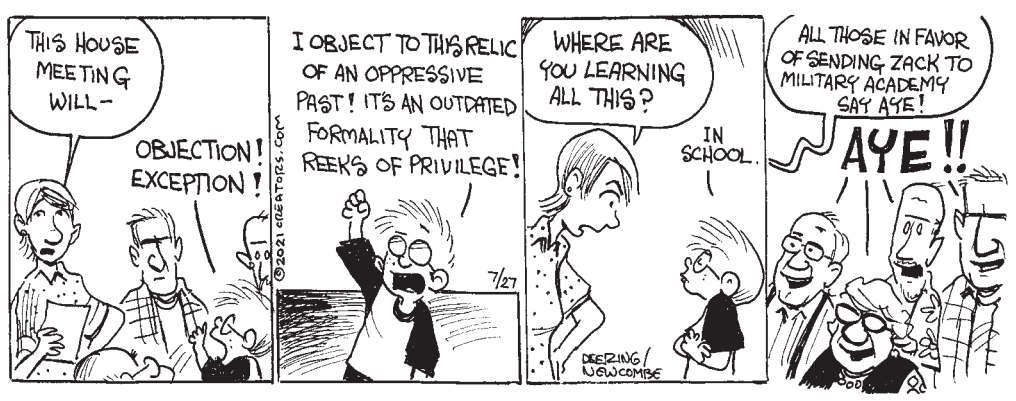
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 68.7°

TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
The weekend's SSW swell drops further as reinforcing S/SSE swell shows. Expect the most size west of Pt Dume.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Not much size and wind looks to trend onshore quickly from the WNW. Small S/SSE swell offers the most size west of Pt Dume.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 73. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 65.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 75.

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2021/07/28	Wed	12:21 AM	5.22	H
2021/07/28	Wed	07:12 AM	0.29	L
2021/07/28	Wed	1:51 PM	4.51	H
2021/07/28	Wed	7:24 PM	2.26	L
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2021/07/30	Fri	10:20 PM	2.12	L
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2021/07/31	Sat	09:03 AM	2.10	L
2021/07/31	Sat	4:16 PM	4.70	H
2021/07/31	Sat	11:54 PM	1.71	L
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2021/08/01	Sun	10:02 AM	2.55	L

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Jackpot: 153 M

SuperLotto Plus
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Draw Date: 7/25
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You'll find people who are doing interesting work, and you'll make friends with them, find a way to help or become a patron. This way, you surround yourself with the influences that help you become who you want to be. Your luck in love overflows -- you get all different kinds -- this year is like a love variety pack! Sagittarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 4, 44, 2 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As every doctor knows, the correct order is to diagnose and then prescribe. Today's challenges and opportunities will require a longer than usual diagnostic process, not to be skipped.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't give up on those raw talents and half-baked notions. Getting to something useful takes time. Keep bouncing the ideas around like rocks in a stone tumbler until they come out smooth, shiny and colorful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To give the butterfly of happiness the opportunity to alight on your shoulder, you must be both still and patient. Stop rushing around and settle in; something magical will happen.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To have a big, open heart is to be vulnerable. Effective communication can mitigate the risk. Concealing pain makes it more acute. When something hurts, say so -- and encourage others to do the same.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're generous, yet you believe you can give even more. You will. Don't force it. Extend compassion inward, and cultivate the patience to welcome your own growth rate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Whatever your problem, a quick internet search can shine light on the matter. However extensive the information, friends are still more helpful, not for what they know, but for what they'll actually do to help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everyone you interact with feels tended to. You express yourself according to your audience. Professionals, children, strangers and kin... each get a different side of you while keeping that through-line that is so loveably you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's no doubt stress interferes with performance. Since you want people to be at their best around you, you try to reduce the stress potential in any interaction with you, and today, you'll succeed brilliantly in the matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When the background is loud, people raise their voices, often to no avail. Noise isn't easily overcome by making more noise. Instead, try the metaphoric equivalent to changing venues or making a sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll lead with originality. You're not doing things in a manner others see as correct, and your effectiveness will cause them to question their notions of correctness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are capable people all around you. It's tempting to step back and let them take over, but then you'd lose the opportunity of the moment. Instead, join in and learn.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A new project has you once again entering uncertain territory. Whatever your proficiency, more work takes you to the next level. Now is as good a time to step in as any.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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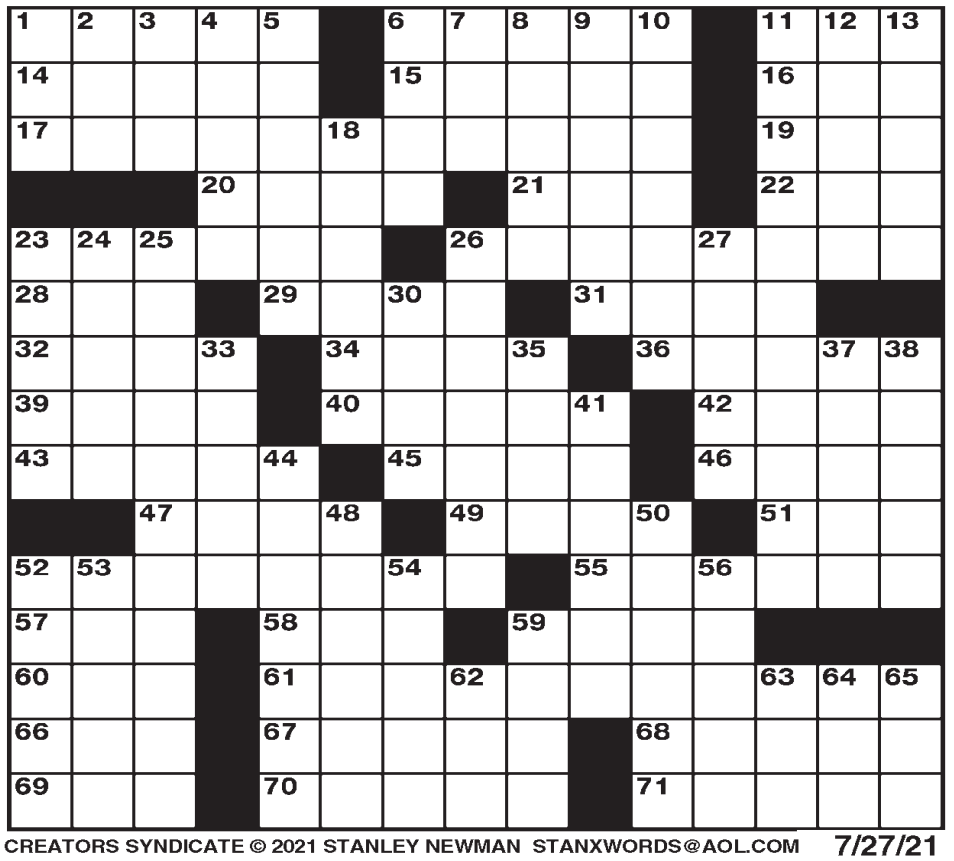
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Remnant of a chopped-down tree
6 "March King" John Philip __
11 Ready-made lawn material
14 Mistake
15 Removes from power
16 Teacher at a golf course
17 Late December school vacation
19 Ewe's mate
20 What contact lenses cover
21 "__ the season to be jolly"
22 Suffix meaning "inhabitant"
23 Long guns
26 Cooped up
28 Nest-egg acronym
29 Nod off
31 Tune
32 Lavish party
34 Nevada gambling city
36 Castaways' transports
39 "__ never work!"
40 Chores to do
42 Used to be
43 Reschedule for later
45 Enticement
46 Make level
47 Rocks taken from mines
49 Long-tailed rodents
51 Come to a halt
52 __ choice (exam type)
55 Helpings after seconds
57 "Either you tell them, __ will"
58 Hunters' org.
59 Lima or garbanzo
60 Unfilled, as a time slot: Abbr.
61 Warm-weather Olympics
66 Label on a gift
67 Clinch the deal, informally
68 Garden statuette
69 __ in a million (rare)
70 Uncool people
71 Busybody

DOWN
1 Assemble with thread
2 Two less than penta-
3 Large coffeepot
4 Lodging near an interstate
5 Victimized, with "upon"
6 Weeps loudly
7 Your and my
8 Be of __ (assist)
9 Marks left by spills
10 Makes a request to get
11 Post-thaw restlessness
12 Deliver a speech
13 Having a rounded roof
18 Large vacation facility
23 Stiff as a board
24 Extremely angry
25 October color-changing of leaves
26 Official rebuke
27 Highly impressed
30 Enthusiasm
33 Paying careful attention
35 Cajun vegetable
37 General tendency
38 Drops in the mail
41 Irish __ (hunting dog)
44 Brings under control
48 Evergreen tree
50 Very furry, as a sheepdog
52 Inspirational slogan
53 Of cities
54 Less plausible, as an excuse
56 Silly
59 Makes a wager
62 Prefix meaning "halfway"
63 Labor Day day: Abbr.
64 CPR expert
65 Briny body of water



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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A night out at the cinema

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SENATE

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Schumer said Trump is "rooting for our entire political system to fail" while Democrats are "rooting for a deal."

The bipartisan package includes about $600 billion in new spending on public works projects, the first phase of Biden's big infrastructure proposals.

The Democrats and the White House had sent what they called a "global" offer to Republicans on remaining issues late Sunday, according to a Democratic aide close to the talks and granted anonymity to discuss them.

But Republicans rebuffed the ideas, according to a GOP aide also granted anonymity to discuss the private talks.

The new proposal attempted to reopen issues that had already been resolved, the Republican aide said, suggesting the White House will need to show more flexibility.

While much of the disagreement has been over the size of spending on each category, labor issues have also emerged as a flashpoint.

Democrats are insisting on a prevailing-wage requirement, not just for existing public works programs but also for new ones, according to another Republican granted anonymity to discuss the private talks. Those include jobs for new broadband and cybersecurity programs, for school buses and ferries, and a new infrastructure financing authority that would develop roads, bridges, electric vehicle charging stations and other projects, the aide said.

At the same time, transit funding has been a stubborn disagreement throughout the past several days of talks.

The bipartisan group originally appeared to be moving toward agreement on more money for transit. But Pennsylvania Sen. Pat Toomey, the top Republican on the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, which oversees public transit, raised questions. He cited, in part, previous COVID-19 federal relief money that had already been allocated to public transit.

Three rounds totaling nearly $70 billion in federal COVID-19 emergency assistance over the past year pulled transit agencies from the brink of financial collapse as riders steered clear of crowded spaces on subway cars and buses.

"Nobody's talking about cutting transit," Toomey said Sunday. "The question is, how many tens of billions of dollars on top of the huge increase that they have already gotten is sufficient? And that's where there is a little disagreement."

Typically, spending from the federal Highway Trust Fund has followed a formula of 80% for highways and 20% for transit. Democrats and public transit advocates see expanded public transit systems as key to easing traffic congestion, combating climate change and curbing car pollution.

In the latest offer, Democrats said they would accept the Republican proposal on highway spending, contingent on Republicans agreeing to the Democratic position on public transit, the Democratic aide said.

Psaki has previously said transit funding "is obviously extremely important to the president — the 'Amtrak President,' as we may call him."

The senators also appeared to be debating public water works funding. The group had an agreement to add $15 billion to deal with lead pipe contamination beyond funds already approved in a Senate water bill. But it's unclear if that agreement is holding after Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, raised questions.

The final package would need the support of 60 senators in the evenly split 50-50 Senate to advance past a filibuster — meaning at least 10 Republicans along with every Democratic member. Last week's test vote failed along party lines as Republicans sought more time to negotiate.

There are other remaining issues still unresolved around how to pay for the bipartisan package. The group is seeking a compromise after Democrats rejected a plan to bring in funds by hiking the gas tax drivers pay at the pump and Republicans dashed a plan to boost the IRS to go after tax scofflaws.

Meanwhile, Democrats are readying the broader $3.5 trillion package, which would go beyond public works to include child care centers and family tax breaks, paid for by increasing the corporate tax rate and the tax rate on Americans earning more than $400,000 a year.

Associated Press writer Hope Yen contributed to this report.

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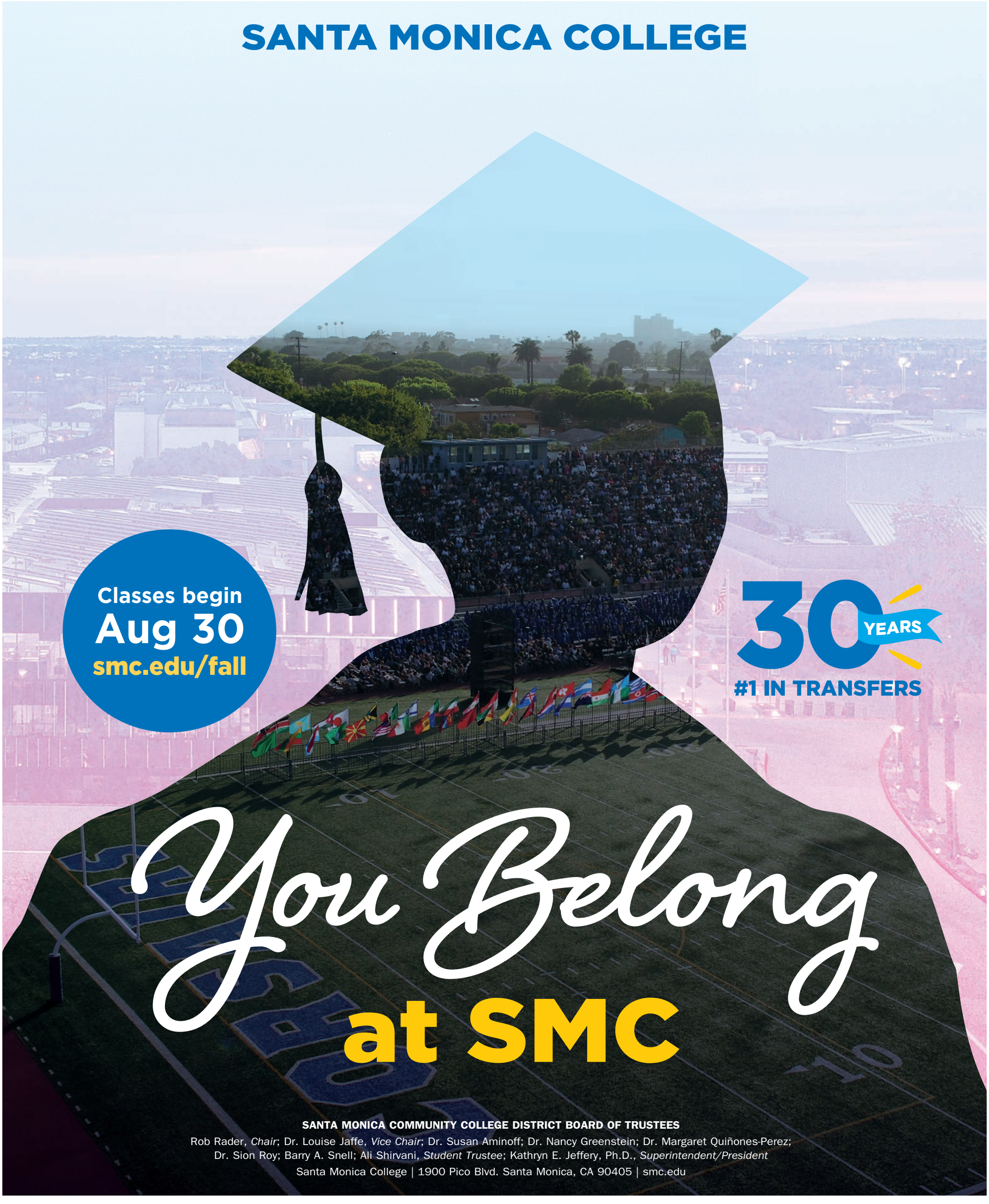
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